

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order in Room 206 of Town Hall at 8:38 a.m.

Present were First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; Board of Education Chairman Michael Harman; Board of Finance Chairman Jon Zagrodzky, RTM Moderator Sarah Seelye. Town Administrator Kate Buch and Board of Education member Christa McNamara were also in attendance.

Planning & Zoning

The Town Plan of Conservation and Development was presented to the League of Women Voters and the RTM. Ms. Cameron was unable to attend this OPC meeting but asked Mrs. Stevenson to let people know that Friday, February 26, 2016 is the deadline for public input on the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.

Board of Finance

Mr. Zagrodzky explained how the Board of Finance has worked to build on efficiencies and creating transparencies in the budget process that began last year. BOF members have been actively attending budget meetings so they are well prepared for their part of the budget process which begins on March 1st when the BOF will officially receive the budgets prepared by the Town and Board of Education.

RTM Moderator

Mrs. Seelye mentioned that the Town Plan of Conservation and Development was presented at the RTM evening on Monday, February 22, 2016 and that the work on the town budget continues for the RTM.

Board of Education

Mr. Harman reported that the Board of Education approved its proposed FY 2016-2017 budget on February 9, 2016. Board members will now focus on facilities. A firm will be selected on March 9, 2016 to review the existing school facilities and future needs in order to develop a true master plan. The Board anticipates receiving a completed study in late May or early June.

First Selectman

The Board of Selectmen has passed its budget and will present it to the BOF on March 1st. Mrs. Stevenson stated that the 41 Hecker Ave. resolution was pulled from the RTM agenda on Feb. 22, 2016 because members of the RTM requested additional information. That information will be provided at a future RTM meeting, as will a comprehensive review of the Mather Senior Center/ BOE Administrative Offices at 35 Leroy Ave. project which will include policy and procedural changes for future projects.

Work on the Council of Governments (COGs) continues with particular attention to Governor's Bill #19, Transit Corridor Development Assistance Authority.

Mrs. Stevenson is pleased that CT is a leader in its response to the increase of heroin and opiate abuse throughout the country. Lastly, it was mentioned that the Health Department will host a presentation on the Zika virus at the Darien Library in March.

Mrs. Stevenson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting. Sarah Seeyle moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael Harman. The minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0. Jon Zagrodzky abstained. Mr. Harman moved to adjourn, seconded by Jon Zagrodzky and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary